



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Parks and Recreation Administration**

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Building B, Room 203  
Viera, Florida 32940

January 29, 2016

To all Commercial Eco-Tour Vendors,

The Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department requires a permit for commercial Eco-Tour activities for non-motorized watercraft throughout our Park system.

Under the new permitting process vendors will be offered a **General Permit** that allows operation in 21 County Parks seven (7) days a week with no holiday restrictions. The permit fee for this General Permit is \$500 annually or \$125 paid quarterly.

Additionally, a **Restricted Use Permit** will be offered for Manatee Cove Park and Pine Island Conservation Area on Merritt Island. This permit is offered through a lottery selection process for selected days of the week at each site (selected holidays excluded). The fee for the Restricted Use Permit is \$1000 annually or \$250 paid quarterly for each awarded day.

Vendors may offer up to two (2) tours per day with no more than 16 watercraft, excluding guide watercraft (up to 4 guides allowed), with only one tour operating at a time per vendor under both permits.

The last day to submit an application for the Restricted Use Permit is Monday, February 15, 2016. The lottery drawing date will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Area Parks Operations Office, 840 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa. Each applicant will be required to have a representative attend the drawing, which will also be open to the public. Agreements will be prepared and available for vendor signatures and payment by Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

For more information, please contact Nicole Rogell at [Nicole.Rogell@brevardcounty.us](mailto:Nicole.Rogell@brevardcounty.us) or call the Central Area Parks Office at (321) 633-1874.

Sincerely,

Jack Masson, Director  
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